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NEWS ROUND UP FROM STOWE



Poetry by Heart

On Monday 23 April we held the final heats of the Headmaster's Poetry by Heart competition. The awards for the Lucy Christopher 500 words and the top Vlog entries from the summer challenge were celebrated as well.

The Third Form was given the task from their English class over the Easter Holidays of either entering a piece of writing or learning a poem to perform without notes from the Poetry by Heart website. Heats were hotly contested in their English lessons and then the top two from each class went on to the finals. The finals included 16 pupils; all of whom put a huge effort into learning their poems and managed to get over their nerves in front of 150 of their peers. The winners of the competition judged by the Headmaster and Mrs Puranik were: First, Clara Tearle (Queen's); Second, Archie Blake (Grenville); Third, Malek Salem (Grenville) and joint Fourth, Henry Hink (Walpole) and Alexander West (Grenville).

The pupils who decided to enter the 500 words competition handed in their pieces during the first week of term, the top 18 entries were then sent to be judged by Lucy Christopher herself. Lucy Christopher is an award winning Young Adult author who has a PhD in Creative Writing and teaches at Bath Spa University. After a hard weekend reading, Lucy Christopher presented the winning entries. First was Louis Ford (Bruce), Second, Clara Tearle (Queen's), Third, Joshua Green (Chandos) and managed

to Alexander Crasneanski (Walpole) and Constantine Chu (Temple).

Over the summer of 2017 all of the Third Form were challenged to read a book from a selected list and do a Vlog entry review to be viewed in the first week of term in their English lessons. We felt in the Library that they had put so much effort into their work, it was a shame for it not to be recognised so we judged all of them and the winning entries were; First place, Cecily Hopkins (Queen's); Second, Alexander West (Grenville); and joint Third place to Annie Saghri (Nugent) and Lucy Walduck (Queen's).

After the Poetry by Heart Competition, Lucy Christopher held a creative writing workshop for Third and Fourth Form selected pupils who had been either recommended by their English teachers or had been in the Poetry Slam. The pupils impressed Lucy Christopher very much indeed with their creativity and enthusiasm.

Izzy Galione (Lyttelton) said; "In the workshop, Lucy Christopher gave us writing techniques to help free our creativity and story ideas. These included free writing straight for two minutes and answering questions with the first thing that came into our heads, then incorporating these into a story or poem. This created some bizarre stories, but really helped with letting loose and writing whatever we wanted without worrying about the content."

Lyn Foden, Librarian

GOLF

Over the Easter Holiday, Max Faulkner (Third Form, Temple) captained the ISGA England U15 Golf Team in the inaugural England v Scotland International at Collingtree Park Golf Club. Despite very wet playing conditions, the event went ahead and Max recorded two excellent victories in both the Fourball and Foursomes matches, before narrowly being beaten in the singles on the final day.

The overall team result was an emphatic 11-6 victory for England. This represents another milestone achievement for Max and Stowe Golf.

*Andrew Hancox, PGA Golf Professional
& Head of Golf*

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Stowe Big Band at Quainton

On Saturday 21 April Stowe's Big Band performed for the first ever Musical Event in Quainton Railway Station at the Bucks Railway Centre.

The station which was originally in Oxford was rebuilt in Quainton, and is in a time warp back to the days of steam. We found out that the acoustic there is perfect for the band, who also looked splendid in their evening dress.

The event was a sell-out and the audience were amazed by the band and our vocal soloists

Olivia Elliott (Fifth Form, Stanhope), Mina Haas (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Tash Woods (Upper Sixth, Queen's), and Lucy Sutherland (Upper Sixth, Nugent) who were accompanied by Miles Nottage. By the end of the evening, many of them were dancing on the platform. We have already been invited back next year to put on another fundraising evening for the Bucks Railway Centre.

Nigel Gibbon, Head of Brass, Woodwind & Percussion



Tooth+Nail Drama Workshop

On Monday 23 April the Fourth Form Drama pupils were lucky enough to have the opportunity to work with two exceptional theatre practitioners from the theatre company, 'Tooth+Nail' - Harriet Feeny and François Lecomte. 'Tooth+Nail' brought their original show, 'Hummingbird' to Stowe in November 2017 and wowed Stoics with their powerful performances, skilful physicality and storytelling skills. The pair trained in the famous Ecole Jacques Lecoq in Paris, where they became experts in physical theatre. Our pupils were delighted to be able draw on their specialist skills as they approach their forthcoming GCSE devising practical exams on the 23 and 24 June. The group will be performing their pieces,

'Tales from the Lancaster Estate', close to the anniversary of the Grenfell Tower tragedy, which they take as their stimulus.

In the morning session, they had a whole group workshop, designed to help them consider how they use their bodies on stage and how they move and interact as an ensemble cast. Afterwards, each group had the chance to show the actors how their devised piece was developing and get some feedback, and the opportunity to workshop their ideas with the support of the actors. In the evening, the whole group came back together to showcase their developing work and celebrate the progress they had made in just a single day.

Lucy Miller, Teacher of Drama & English



CRICKET

On Saturday 21 April Stowe had a block fixture against Uppingham in which we won 9 of the 11 matches played. All four senior sides won as did both Colts and Junior Colts with the 4th XI, Colts Bs and Yearlings Cs all winning by 10 wickets.

The 1st XI comfortably outplayed Uppingham in their match only to have a horrific ten overs that nearly cost them the game. Uppingham batted first and Stowe put in a disciplined bowling effort to bowl them out for 108 in 43 overs. Tom Olsen (Lower Sixth, Chatham) and Albert Johnson (Upper Sixth, Grenville) got three apiece. Olly Taylor (Fifth Form, Chatham) and Will Garrett (Upper Sixth, Cobham) got one apiece and Rufus Easdale (Lower Sixth, Grafton) had the very impressive figures of 2 for 16 from 12 overs.

In reply Jim Jackman (Upper Sixth, Bruce) and Adam King (Upper Sixth, Bruce) saw off the new ball before Jim got out just before tea. Adam and new batsman Calum Renshaw (Upper Sixth, Bruce) resumed after tea with confidence and the saw the score up to 70. Unfortunately they then got out within an over of each other and with two new batsmen at the crease the scoreboard froze. The next four wickets fell for ten runs and Stowe were reduced to 86 for 7. Ed Snushall (Fifth Form, Temple) and Olly Taylor steadied the ship, but Olly hit a full toss to midwicket with three runs required. Will Garrett held his nerve and hit the winning runs but it was a chanceless and nerveless innings of 20 not out from Ed that won Stowe the match in the end.

On Wednesday 25 April the 2nd XI beat Magdalen College School Oxford by 4 wickets and the 3rd XI won their match by 23 runs. In a rain affected weekend the 1st XI had a fine 8 wicket win against Bradfield on Saturday and on Sunday beat Rugby by 9 runs in the first round of the T-20 Cup.



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Yamaha at Stowe

Pupils at Stowe are now marching to the beat of a different drum following the presentation of a brand new Stage Custom Birch drum kit from Milton Keynes based Yamaha Music Europe.

Yamaha was formed in 1887 and is the world's largest musical instrument manufacturer. Its UK base has been Milton Keynes since the 1970s. The company has a global aim to support music education and through its Music Education Partner scheme in the UK is working together with schools across the country, providing workshops, masterclasses, recitals and valuable links with the wider music community.

Yamaha and Stowe were kindly introduced by the Chair of the Old Stoic Society and Governor, Jonathon Hall (Bruce 79). Jonathon's London based advertising agency, AdLabs,

counts Yamaha as one of its clients and he quickly identified the potential for an exciting partnership – this donation is a first step in this new relationship.

Commenting on the new connection, Charles Bozon, Sales & Marketing Director, Yamaha Music Europe said, "Stowe is a school with a record of producing talented musicians. This can only happen when students experience inspirational education. We hope, through our closer links with Stowe, we can help teaching staff realise even more engaging and innovative lessons to continue the great tradition of music here."

We are delighted to be working together with Yamaha and we look forward to exploring other ways in which we can develop our relationship.

Careers Talk: A career as a City Solicitor



Richard Hopkinson-Woolley (Chandos 87) presented an engaging and insightful talk on routes into and careers in Law. The talk started with an overview of Richard's

A Levels at Stowe and how this led him to read Classics at Oxford, later completing the one year law conversion course. Richard expertly guided Stoics through his early career starting at Simmons & Simmons, which led him to return to the firm 26 years later as a partner.

Pupils were guided through a discussion around if a career in law was for them, career options from barristers and solicitors to alternative specialists in HR, tax etc. and how a city law firm differs from other legal practices. The discussion then moved to look at what it is like to work in the City of London, then progressing to recent developments in the legal sector.

Pupils then discussed the various direct and indirect routes into law and the myriad of kinds of law that are practiced. This included a detailed explanation of how a merger and acquisition works in context with the various types of lawyers that may be required to complete this type of complex transaction, especially when

dealing with multi-national corporations.

The talk concluded with a discussion around the importance of early applications for work experience, degree choice, university choice and what many law firms look for in an employee: intellect; resilience; long term commitment; motivation; commercial approach; influencing ability; and personality.

Gordon West, Head of Careers



CYCLING

On Saturday 21 April, Harry Kirby (Fifth Form, Temple) represented Stowe School Cycle Club in the South East district qualifiers for GHS Trophy National Youth Championship Time trial. This was a 10 mile individual time trial which he completed in a winning time of 23:18, over a minute faster than the next placed junior competitor. Harry is therefore the South East Midlands District Champion and best under 16 time triallist in the district. Needless to say he has qualified for the GHS final which takes place on Wednesday 8 August.

Chris Grimble, MiC Cycling

SKIING

Ski Trip

The Stowe junior ski trip was once again a highly enjoyable affair with six days spent in the wonderful resort of Serre Chevalier in the French Alps. The weather gods were smiling on us with four days of perfect, blue cloudless skies above and amazing snow conditions upon which to ski. The 30 pupils on the trip tried border cross (you may have seen this at the recent Winter Olympics in South Korea which essentially involves ski racing down a course with kickers, jumps and speedy turns), the snow park with rails and pipes as well as the more traditional runs of all varieties. The 250km of varied skiable terrain offered vast expanses of open and uncrowded slopes up as high as 2500m along with tree-lined runs back into resort. The après ski was equally enjoyable with a visit to the fantastic thermal spa baths in Monetiers-les-Bains, which date back to Roman times and look out over the beautiful alpine snow-covered mountains, a truly memorable experience which the pupils loved. We also did some bowling and a quiz night as well as free time in the charming village of Chantermerle, one of 13 villages which make up the Serre Chevalier resort.

My thanks to the staff who accompanied the trip - Mr & Mrs Rickner, Mr Smith and Mr Floyd who made up a fun but very hard working team. Details about next Easter's 2019 trip, available to pupils in the Lower School, will become available during the Summer Term. Early booking is advised to gain a place on this highly enjoyable week in the Alps.

Gavin Moffat, Grafton Housemaster





POLO

National Schools Arena Polo Championships

On Sunday 22 April, seven pupils travelled to Longdole Polo Club in Gloucestershire to represent Stowe at the rescheduled Senior Schools' Arena Polo Championships. The arena championships were due to have been played in March at Rugby Polo Club, but were cancelled due to the snow. Normally in the Summer Term we would expect to be playing four aside on grass.

We were exceptionally lucky that Longdole were able to accommodate us in their arena. The open section was played as an American tournament, the Stowe A team consisting of Billy Hawkins-Bypass (Lower Sixth, Cobham), Jamie Baillie (Lower Sixth, Cobham) and Ivan de Poligny had a tough first game against Millfield, their second game against a combined Oxford Polo team saw them run out the victors putting them into the play offs for third or fourth place where they came upon Radley. It was a hard fought and exciting game to watch. With 25 seconds left of the game the score was 2-2, then a penalty was awarded against Stowe to Radley. Radley scored a goal which saw them go to third place and Stowe to fourth.

The Stowe B team were entered in to the Intermediate and consisted of Jack Nesbitt (Fifth Form, Chatham), Nathan Dana (Lower Sixth, Temple) and Oliver Pritchard (Lower Sixth, Temple) and they came fourth after some very tough games. Rosie Grayson (Third Form, Nugent) represented Stowe in a combined team and came third.

Rosie Grayson (Third Form, Nugent)

Following on from this, on Sunday 29 April Stowe took two teams in part two of the arena SUPA Nationals. The first all-girls team Natasha Woods (Upper Sixth, Queen's) (Captain), Coco Brooks (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) and Bella White (Lower Sixth, Nugent) fought incredibly hard in all of their 4 chukkas to beat Millfield and win their division! A fantastic achievement. The C team boys Julian Ma (Lower Sixth, Bruce) (Captain), Tom White (Lower Sixth, Chatham) and Rafi Mahmood (Third Form, Walpole) played with utter determination and came forth in their division. Exciting times for Stowe polo and looking forward to the grass season and some much needed sunshine!

Fiona Corbaine, Head of Polo

Careers Talk: Have a go, express yourself, grasp opportunities and create new ones

On Thursday 26 April, Dave Smith, author, stand-up comedian and newspaper columnist brought gems of wisdom and laughter to the Roxburgh Theatre.

With 22 years on stage and as a journalist and writer, Dave engaged Lower and Upper Sixth students and guided them through his various careers based around his passion for writing.

During his talk Dave said: "I am still amazed at where writing has taken me: from writing bullet-proof one-liners to perform in front of rowdy comedy club crowds, to composing well-crafted and considered opinion pieces for Radio 4 listeners; from Montreal to Hong Kong, from Dublin to Rome, no-one is more surprised than me."

Using a comedic style, Dave explored how by

making bold choices and stepping way out of his comfort zone, he created a career for himself, which is extremely rewarding in many ways.

"Doing something that you are good at, and that you enjoy, is really important. In a marketplace where adaptability is everything, I am living proof that there is a place for using and developing the skills you already have, to build an enjoyable and meaningful career."

Dave discussed the value of being creative and embracing an entrepreneurial frame of mind, as is taking risks and trying new experiences.

The key message from the presentation was to encourage young people to be brave and have a go, because you never know where it will lead.

Gordon West, Head of Careers

German Exchange

On Monday 16 May, Stowe welcomed its first Lower School German exchange pupils from Landheim, Schondorf, a boarding school near Munich. Gustav Bücken (14), Elias Häusler (15), Martin Assner (15), Sebastian Steiner (15) and Paula Leppert (14) quickly settled into the Stowe routine, shadowing fellow pupils in the Fourth Form whilst their "official" exchange partners Theo Coley (Fourth Form, Chatham), Sebastian Smart (Fourth Form, Chatham), Crispin Marshall-Rowan (Fourth Form, Walpole) and Callan Gottlieb (Fourth Form, Grenville) were in Landheim enjoying a three week stint in Bavaria. It is hard to believe that the three weeks are nearly over and I have had one Landheim student who has already asked if he could come back next year! My thanks go to all the Housemasters, Housemistresses and teachers who have helped this exchange run

smoothly and I look forward to hearing from our four Stoics how life at Landheim compares to Stowe. More in the next edition!

Alice Tearle, Head of the Faculty of Languages





Stoic Pianist Performs at the Royal Albert Hall

On Thursday 5 April, David Choo (Lower Sixth, Chatham) gave a solo piano performance at the Royal Albert Hall, London. David performed a new work written by renowned composer Christopher Norton titled 'A Darker Side of Blue' which is part of a suite of pieces.

Celebrating contemporary music, the event was organised in association and partnership with EVC publishing, Alfred publishing and the British and International Federation of Music Festivals. Performing to a sell-out audience of over 150 leading educationalists, award-winning composers, and members of the public, David really captured the subtle nuances of the work - which is influenced by both jazz and

classical styles. I was particularly impressed by the space he allowed during his performance, and the music breathed and projected. David was listening intently to his sound during the performance and it was clear from the outset that he was very much in tune with the acoustic in the beautiful Elgar room. This was a fantastic opportunity for David and one that he will always remember. I would like to thank Elena Cobb (EVC publishing) for organising this wonderful event, and Christopher Norton who nominated David to play his composition at the Royal Albert Hall.

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard



ROWING

Stowe Eights at Birmingham Regatta

The Stowe rowing team travelled to Birmingham for the first regatta of the summer. The 1st VIII of Charlie Chick (Fourth Form, Grafton), Barnaby Peppiatt (Fourth Form, Chatham), Elliott Patel (Fifth Form, Cobham), Will Fox (Lower Sixth, Bruce), Ilya Riskin (Lower Sixth, Chandos), Oscar Hill (Lower Sixth, Temple), Ayrton Patel (Fifth Form, Cobham), Archie Morley (Lower Sixth, Walpole) with Fixy Hill (Fourth Form, Queen's) coxing, raced in the superb new boat, kindly donated by Mr Riskin.

Racing in Senior Eights, the Blue Ribband event of the city's regatta, the Stowe 1st VIII achieved their best ever result, with a convincing win over the University of Birmingham, by just over a length. St Edward's School achieved a similar result over the University, setting the scene for a final showdown between the two schools.

Archie led the 1st VIII out at a high rate, grabbing the initial advantage and holding this for much of the race. In the sprint for the line St Edward's put in a huge effort, to draw level and cross the line a canvas up on Stowe - a few feet. It was a thrilling race, the most exciting of the regatta, appreciated by all, and generous congratulations were offered to Stowe by John Wiggins, the Head of Rowing at St Edward's.

Earlier the Stowe 2nd VIII of Elliott Patel, Barnaby Peppiatt, Alex Ross (Fourth Form, Chatham), Tom Fox (Lower Sixth, Temple), Will Fox, Daniil Samiev (Lower Sixth, Walpole), Charlie Chick and Fixy Hill coxing, had raced St Edward's in Junior Eights, losing by about a length. These younger rowers gave a good account of themselves, demonstrating a fine standard of rowing and excellent determination.

Four double sculls of Katie Lee (Fourth Form, Nugent) and Ella Wright (Fourth Form, Queen's); Katie Lee and Fixy Hill; Tom Fox and Daniil Samiev; and Theo Finlan (Fourth Form, Temple) and Alex Ross also raced. Tom and Daniil put in a good effort to win one of their races, and we were pleased to see the girls taking part, despite the challenge of racing on a cold, wet and windy day, against experienced opposition.

The day had begun frustratingly with the 1st IV of Ilya Riskin, Oscar Hill, Ayrton Patel, Archie Morley in Junior quads. They conceded a 1 length lead at the start to their junior opponents from Birmingham Rowing Club. By the finish our experienced crew had clawed back most of this lead, but not enough to take the win. They were somewhat aggrieved by the erratic steering of their opponents, but their poor start had cost them the race - an experience they learned from, to good effect, in the exciting Eights racing that followed.

Andrew Rudkin, Rowing Coach



Arts Award Field Day

On Monday 30 April, 19 Fourth Form Stoics set out for Stratford-Upon-Avon for their Arts Award Field Day. The pupils had the opportunity to engage in a fascinating backstage tour at the Royal Shakespeare Company's 'The Other Place', where they found out all about the process a play goes through from its conception to its final performance - a process which can take up to four years! We were shown around their large rehearsal spaces, visited the new studio theatre and saw the vast array of costumes that the company hires out to other theatre, film and television companies. The company produce all their own costumes and have around 30 members of staff in their costume department alone! Once the tour was finished, the Stoics had the opportunity to ask questions and even try on some costumes, including armour and a fat suit! Afterwards, the group went to the top of the tower in the main RSC building and enjoyed stunning views of the whole of Stratford. The pupils are now even more excited to see the RSC production, 'Matilda', on our next field day in June.

Mrs Lucy Miller, Teacher of Drama & English



Duke of Edinburgh

'Chilly' has been the word to best describe the first two DofE expeditions of the season. In the last few days of March, the Gold participants completed their practice expedition in Yorkshire. The expedition was based in the shadow of Whernside, one of the Yorkshire Three Peaks. From their campsite on the first morning the groups had a beautiful, if somewhat frosty, view of the Ribbleshead viaduct, where the Hogwarts Express would not look out of place. Over the course of the next few days the groups completed the Yorkshire Three Peaks (Whernside, Ingleborough and Pen-y-Ghent) and really put the skills they had learnt in training put to the test as they navigated their way over the summits, in what were at times very challenging conditions. It was very pleasing to see our groups demonstrate excellent navigational skills in poor visibility and sub-zero conditions on the tops. I hope that in the years to come they will remember the skills they have learnt and continue to be better equipped in the hills than others we encountered and provided assistance to on the summits!

The Bronze Practice expedition to the Cotswolds last weekend also provided the participants with the experience of spending time in the

outdoors in very unseasonable temperatures. The northerly wind ensured that everybody kept wrapped up warm and, as it picked up overnight, the sound of whipping fly-sheets meant that sleep was limited for most. Fortunately however the rain, that was forecast in the run up to the expedition, stayed away and the groups were able to enjoy the beauty of the Cotswold countryside in hazy sunshine by the afternoon of the second day. Over the course of the year the Bronze participants have weekly training sessions on nutrition, navigation and campcraft and staff were certainly impressed by the skill level of many of our participants.

Congratulations to all those who successfully completed their practice expeditions in what have been very challenging conditions. Everybody is now keeping fingers crossed that the conditions improve for the Assessed Expeditions later in the term, when the Golds will be heading to the Cairngorms, the Silvers to Snowdonia (practice) and the Bronzes to the Shropshire Hills.

Gwilym Jones, Head of DofE



Stowe PGA Golf Coaching & Development Trip – Portugal 2018

At the beginning of the Easter break, Stowe golfers set sail for the sun-kissed fairways of the Algarve as we embarked upon another exciting six day PGA Golf Coaching and Development Trip to Portugal. With 19 Stoics participating, we based ourselves at the award winning Amendoeira Golf Resort, home to both the Faldo and O'Connor championship courses, along with a 9-hole Academy course and superb practice and teaching facilities. With daily expert PGA coaching provided by Andrew Hancox, Stowe's PGA Golf Professional and Head of Golf, it was no surprise to see the Stoics making significant progress with both their golf swing techniques, short games and overall on course performance. Through use of the latest V1 digital golf coaching software, Stoics were able to compare and contrast their biomechanical swing patterns during both practice sessions and on course competitions, thus developing their understanding throughout. I was impressed with the Stoics' understanding of some complex technical concepts including ball flight laws and spin regulation and control. Special mention must go to Ed Snushall (Fifth Form, Temple) who worked incredibly hard on his golf swing mechanics and reaped the rewards out on the golf course throughout the tour.

In addition to playing the O'Connor and Faldo courses at Amendoeira, we visited two of Portugal's most prestigious and iconic venues – Quinta do Lago (South Course) and Vale do Lobo (Ocean Course). Quinta has been at the forefront of international golf since its creation and today the resort boasts three outstanding golf courses all of which are among Europe's best. These exceptional golfing credentials, including being named "Europe's Best Golf Destination" at the World Golf Awards in 2015 and 2016, ensure Quinta do Lago's place among the world's golfing elite.

In a very closely fought contest, Tom Youds (Fifth Form, Chandos) was crowned winner of the inaugural Stowe Golf Portugal Classic after recording the lowest 36-hole gross score.

Max Smith (Fifth Form, Cobham) was a very close runner up and played some superb golf on the Faldo Course. In the handicap competition, Edward Wentworth-Stanley (Lower Sixth, Chatham) finished runner up to Freddie Smith (Fifth Form, Cobham), who capped off an excellent overall performance. It was also particularly pleasing to see Ed Snushall playing such good golf and clearly making excellent use of the expert PGA coaching available throughout the trip.

In summary, the trip was a huge success and I must thank Mr. Panos John and Mr. Craig Sutton for assisting me and supporting me throughout the duration of a very busy and demanding trip. The Stoics behaved impeccably throughout and were a real credit to Stowe – I eagerly anticipate our return to Portugal next year.

Andrew Hancox, PGA Golf Professional, Head of Golf



STOWE
GOLF

Trip to Iceland

We left Stowe before sunrise on Saturday 24 March and travelled to Gatwick where we caught our flight to Keflavik Airport in Iceland. After meeting Ian, our tour guide, we got on our bus and headed to the capital of Iceland, Reykjavik. We spent the afternoon exploring and shopping in the centre of Reykjavik before heading off to Hotel Ör in Hveragerði where we would be staying. The Stoics headed straight to the outdoor heated pools!

Sunday started off with a trip to the not-so-secret Secret Lagoon, a geothermal spring which was very relaxing after a busy term. We then visited Gullfoss Waterfall and it was spectacular to see the fall from many different vantage points. We then went to Geysir, to see the Strokkur Geysir, which every 6-8 minutes erupts naturally heated water into the air. The Stoics learnt the hard way that it was not a good idea to stand in the direction of the wind while the Geysir erupted unless they were desperate for a shower!

We had lunch and then walked the circumference of Kerið Crater, the final imprint of a volcanic eruption thousands of years ago. Our final stop of the day was Thingvellir National Park and Mid-Atlantic Ridge. In the Park, you can clearly see the Mid-Atlantic ridge where the Eurasian and North American plates meet. It also featured as a location in the TV series 'Game of Thrones'. We then travelled back to the hotel for dinner and use the outdoor swimming pool to rest our weary legs.

On Monday we planned to climb an ancient volcano called Storidimon, but couldn't as it was too windy (gusting over 90mph!). Instead we travelled a bit further to see the Seljandsfoss waterfall and walked around behind it too. Just a few minutes walk from Seljandsfoss was another 'secret' waterfall which was hidden inside a cave. We had to tread carefully through a shallow stream to get into the cave but it was well worth it as the views were breathtaking. We then went to the newly built Lava centre where we learnt more about the volcanic activity and formation of volcanoes around Iceland with some very modern digital equipment. Following this we moved on to the Hekla centre - dedicated to the overdue eruption of the Hekla volcano which overshadows the area. We drove only an extra 100m above sea level to visit a pumice quarry but got blown around (some Stoics nearly taking off!) before heading back to the earthquake simulator in Hveragerði which simulates a 6.9 magnitude earthquake that hit the town in 2008.

On Tuesday we went to the south western and barren coastal area, looking at Kleifarvatn Lake, down to Reykjanesta to see more hot pools and on to the bridge between the two tectonic plates/continents before getting back to the airport for the journey home.

Thank you to Mr Elwell and Miss Penrhyn-Lowe for organising and taking the trip.

Oliver Garson (Fourth Form, Grenville)



RUGBY

Rosslyn Park Senior 7s

On Wednesday 21 March 190 teams took part in the Senior 7s Rugby at Rosslyn Park. We finished in the top 4 having won 8 matches out of 9.

Schools beaten were Rugby, Epsom, St Peter's, RGS Newcastle, The Ley's, Gresham's, Simon Langton Grammar, Pocklington. We only lost to the eventual winners - Blundell's.

We scored 37 tries, conceded 17, with Taju Atta (Upper Sixth, Temple) top scoring with 8, closely followed by Kristian Kay (Upper Sixth, Chandos) with 7. The Upper Sixth players were particularly impressive when the going got tough. Josh Armstrong (Upper Sixth, Temple), Calum Renshaw (Upper Sixth, Bruce) and Dan Biss (Upper Sixth, Grafton) raised themselves time and again to lead by example, Taju Atta and Kristian Kay added the class that is needed to succeed at this level.

The tournament is a severe test of rugby prowess but also character and in this regard the Stoics were outstanding. We are very proud of them. Stowe is a feared foe for any school at this tournament and we strengthened that reputation again this year. The win against Rugby (31-5) was particularly sweet!

Craig Sutton, Bruce Housemaster, 7s Coach

GIRLS' TENNIS

The 1st VI had an emphatic 9-0 win against Oakham on Saturday 21 April and the U15A, B, C and D teams had a clean sweep of victories. In their first game for the School the U14As won 8-1.

Once again there were some fine performances from the tennis players on Saturday 28 April against Bradfield. Both the 1st VI and 3rd VI outclassed their opposition winning 9-0 with the U15Cs and the U14As recording 6-3 victories. The U14Bs capped a fine day with an impressive 8-1 win.

In the Intermediate Inter-House Competition on Wednesday 25 April, Queen's won all 3 of their matches and are this year's champions. The Senior Inter-House Competition on Thursday 26 April was won by Nugent.

GIRLS' ATHLETICS

In the athletics meet at Bromsgrove on Saturday 21 April the stand-out performances were as follows:-

Senior Girls: Helena Vince (Lower Sixth, Queen's) came 2nd in the Javelin, Ugochi Ekpecham (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) came 2nd in the 100m, Zara Atta (Upper Sixth, Queen's) 1st in the 100m and High Jump and Connie Barnes (Lower Sixth, Nugent) 2nd in the Triple Jump.

Intermediate Girls: Emilia Havard (Fourth Form, Stanhope) came 2nd in the 800m.

Junior Girls: Annie Saghri (Third Form, Nugent) came 2nd in the 100m

Jemima Howden (Third Form, Stanhope) came 1st in the 300m and Emma Wright (Third Form, Stanhope) came 1st in the 800m.





Hugo Robinson passes Master Cadet Course

Having been through a rigorous national selection process, Cadet Sgt Hugo Robinson (Lower Sixth, Grenville) gave an excellent account of himself on the annual Master Cadet Course and is now one of just 9, CCF Master Cadets to be awarded the accolade this year. (To put this in context, there are around 43,000.00 Cadets in the CCF.) A fantastic achievement after an extremely tough and demanding course.

Hugo wrote: 'The Master Cadet Courses are for the best cadets from across the UK. It tests in-depth knowledge of field craft and ability to survive and remain competent and positive on a long, demanding tactical exercise. Throughout the four days we spent in the field we were assessed and minutely examined on how we worked as team players and as leaders.

This was achieved through the allocation of deliberately challenging command appointments in military based activities such as command tasks, recon-ing enemy locations and section attacks. We had to patrol tactically from location to location, given just the grid coordinates, making navigating around the training area interesting and realistic. We spent four days in the field (woods) sleeping in a harbour area, having to move quietly, without light and set sentries all hours of the day. My allocated stags were 2300, 0130 and 0500 hrs. The sleep deprivation element was probably the most challenging aspect of the course, having to keep watch at 2:00 in the morning when it is cold and raining puts a lot of strain on your moral strength but in the end I benefited enormously from proving to myself that I could do it and still operate and remain effective the next day. As a result of passing this course I feel confident in my depth of field craft knowledge and increased experience and am very proud to have proved my ability to successfully lead people under stressful conditions.'

Major Jan de Gale, CCF Contingent Commander

CCF Leadership Course Successes

A number of Cadet NCO's were busy making the most of CCF courses that they had successfully qualified for, over the Easter holidays.

Cadet Sgt's Alex Jones (Lower Sixth, Grenville) and Ben Shamash (Lower Sixth, Chatham) travelled up to Scotland for a Cadet Leadership Course, and Sgt Stewart Johnston (Lower Sixth, Chandos) took part in a Southern Senior Cadet Instructor Course.

All three thoroughly enjoyed the week-long courses, learned a good deal about themselves and their leadership styles, and all successfully passed.

Major Jan de Gale, CCF Contingent Commander

Army Fourth Form Cadets visit 4 Regiment RLC, Abingdon

On Monday 30 April, 44 Army Section cadets enjoyed an Intersection Patrol Competition, hosted by 4 Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps, based at Dalton Barracks, Abingdon.

There were a number of competitive stands: Camouflage and Concealment and Observation stands were challenging and tested field craft skills. Command tasks challenged team work. An indoor obstacle course was set up by enthusiastic Army physical training instructors to test lung capacity, staying power, physical fitness and humour. Without exception, every cadet rose to the challenge. It was a tough session, but after complete silence whilst they recovered, they nearly all said they thoroughly enjoyed the military fitness experience.

The Dismounted Close Combat Trainer provided the opportunity to fire the A2 General Purpose 5.56 mm rifle on an indoor, electronic range. Two scenarios provided seriously challenging shooting (and a lot of fun). Shooting with the A2 Rifle, as ever, proved to be the most popular and exhilarating stand.

Congratulations go to the overall winning Section, made up of the following cadets: Adrian Subowo (Fourth Form, Chandos), Somerset Fell (Fourth Form, Chatham), Theo Coley (Fourth Form, Chatham), Hugo Paynter Bryant (Fourth Form, Grenville), Tom Cranmer (Fourth Form, Temple), Jiahao Zhang (Fourth Form, Chandos), Alex Maidment (Fourth Form, Bruce), Casper Vaughan (Fourth Form, Temple) and Oscar Wiseman (Fourth Form, Grenville).

Our thanks go to all four Regiment personnel, for sparing us the time and manpower to deliver a thoroughly enjoyable day for our cadets, especially as they had just come back from exercise and were just about to go out again. I doubt any of our Fourth Form cadets will forget their first experience meeting and interacting with regular Army soldiers, in their barracks.

Major Jan de Gale, CCF Contingent Commander



Advanced Dinghy Spinnaker Handling Course

William Warde-Norbury (Fourth Form, Grafton) from the Navy Section went on an advanced dinghy spinnaker handling course, based out of HMS Raleigh in Plymouth, which he described as exhilarating, exhausting and involved several 'dumps' in the English Channel!

William wrote: 'On the first weekend of the Easter holidays I embarked on my trip to HMS Raleigh, after my voyage down to the West Country I was greeted at Plymouth station by staff from the base, and then arriving at HMS Raleigh by mini bus. We were assigned our mess decks where we socialised with everyone else on the course until 'pipe down' at 22:30. At the crack of dawn, 06:00 to be exact, we were 'called to hands'. After cleaning our mess decks we marched in our ranks to breakfast. Later on in the morning at around 08:00 we were transported to where we were sailing. The course for spinnaker work was exhilarating to say the least, with many a time where we ended up in the English Channel, not on our boat. The instructors were incredibly helpful training us to master the art of flying a spinnaker. After a very enjoyable week of sailing we returned exhausted to London.'

Major Jan de Gale, CCF Contingent Commander

CCF Royal Navy Field Day

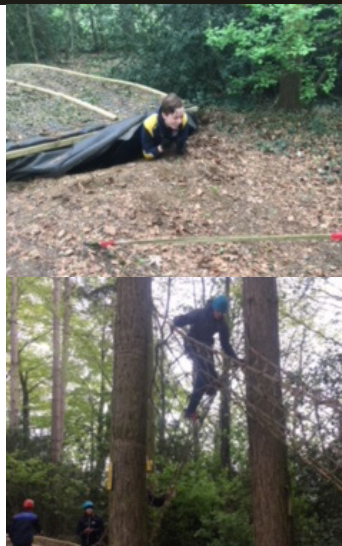
On Monday 30 April, the Royal Navy CCF Fourth Form Cadets were joined by the RAF Fourth Formers and held their field trip within Stowe. Landlubbers you may say, however we spent the morning utilising this time to build on the use of command skills over the obstacle course and learning how to improve on team building abilities.

The afternoon was spent in the water carrying out a Tri Dive with the School's sub-aqua team who provided diving skills for those that had never had the opportunity to learn to dive and for those brushing up their diving skills.

We entertained a group of German exchange students who were also given the opportunity to learn to dive.

Comments from all of the Cadets and pupils were very positive and most wanted to spend more time working on their diving skills.

Nick Zammit, CCF Officer in Charge of Naval Section



Stowe Challenge Cup 2018

On Sunday 22 April we were blessed with glorious weather conditions for the Stowe Challenge comprising of six separate disciplines where all the year groups in the boys' and girls' Houses are involved. Each Housemaster places a joker on their perceived strongest event for which they are awarded double points.



Boys' results:

Grafton won the Obstacle course cup with Cobham 2nd and Chatham 3rd. In the basketball shooting Cobham came out on top to take the cup with Bruce 2nd and Grafton 3rd. Grafton gained maximum points (24) in the run and log carry having played their Joker with Bruce 2nd and Chandos and Cobham in equal 3rd. Temple won the Command Task with maximum points followed by Chatham and Bruce and Cobham came joint 3rd. In the 1,000m swim relay Chatham were victorious, Grenville 2nd and Grafton 3rd. In the final discipline of the day (the 3,200m relay) at the athletics track Bruce took maximum points with a win, Grafton came 2nd and Grenville 3rd. In the final standing, Cobham and Chatham came 3rd with 48 points, Bruce came 2nd with 59 points and this year's winners of the Stowe Challenge were Grafton with 64 points.

Girls' results:

Nugent won the Obstacle course cup with Stanhope 2nd having played their Joker and Lyttelton 3rd. In the basketball shooting West got their tactics spot on to win the cup with Nugent 2nd and Queen's 3rd. Nugent won the run and log carry with Stanhope 2nd and Lyttelton 3rd. Nugent won the Command Task followed by West and Stanhope came 3rd. In the 1,000m swim relay Nugent were victorious gaining maximum points having played their joker, Queen's 2nd and Stanhope 3rd. In the final discipline of the day (the 3,200m relay) at the athletics track Nugent came 1st, Stanhope came 2nd and Queen's 3rd. In the final standing, Queen's came 3rd with 45 points, Stanhope came 2nd with 61 points and this year's winners of the Stowe Challenge were Nugent with 82 points.

The competition proved a big hit with the pupils with over half the House competing in at least one Event.



International Dinner 2018

Friday 27 April marked another chapter in the International Society calendar - the much-anticipated International Society dinner, which was a Sixth Form only event for the first time in its history. The intercontinental cuisine was much appreciated by all and the lively and vibrant atmosphere was enhanced by the joyous array of entertainment, ranging from Charlotte Brennan's (Upper Sixth, West) exquisite harp playing, Anastasiia Nazarova (Lyttelton, Upper Sixth) on the piano and Mina Haas's (Stanhope, Upper Sixth) rendition of 'Halleluja', to Maria Khalfun's (Queen's, Lower Sixth) dramatic recitation of Russian poetry!

The best-dressed award went to Marina Yao (West, Lower Sixth) in her traditional Chinese costume, closely followed by Miss Ahmed in an exquisite sari! The quiz, hosted and prepared by the international prefects certainly inspired some thought-provoking competition. Many thanks to all performers, all Stoics and staff who attended, and a huge thank you to the catering team and the international prefects, Dilyara Adilkhanova (Stanhope, Upper Sixth) and Mar Martinez-Tomas (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton) for organising the event.

Julie Johnson, Head of International Department



EQUESTRIAN

Chloe Livesey (Fifth Form, Stanhope) competed on Shannon Bressie at the Dengie Intermediate Dressage Championship Qualifier, winning with a dressage score of 67.41%. She was then placed 11th at the Championship with a score of 63.71%.

Members of the Equestrian team attended the British Horse Society International Coaches Convention with demonstrations from Chris Bartle, Performance Coach to the British Three Day Event squad, Christoph Hess, former Director of the dressage training for the German National Federation and Samantha York FBHS and international event rider.

The Ernest Dillon clinics are becoming more popular and we have him booked again in June when he returns from America.

Angela Churcher, Equestrian Centre Manager



Marathon Fundraiser

Sunday 6 May is the UNICEF Geneva marathon which I am running in aid of the ECC School in rural Siem Reap, Cambodia. I worked at ECC last summer and was moved by their passion and beautifully simple aim of quality education for all children as a route out of poverty.

You can help and learn more about this cause [here](#). Any donations would be much appreciated and I will personally see 100% go to good as I would like to return to Cambodia this summer (self-funded). Thank you in advance for your support.

Cambodian children are happy and optimistic despite difficult conditions, and the school has already helped hundreds of students to achieve a better standard of life. Much more can be done and I am hoping to fundraise in order to:



- Make school buildings more safe and conducive to work by building proper desks and paved flooring instead of mud.

- Provide educational material for students; many simply cannot afford the notepads and books we take for granted.

Ciaran Malanaphy, Teacher of Physics



FAMILY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Sunday 29 April 2018 we hosted the inaugural Family Golf Championship. The event proved to be a huge success with a total of 17 pairs competing. The main competition was the combined Stableford score and in addition to this there was an individual Stoic and Parent Stableford competition. The winners of the main event were Drew and Tom Youds (Fifth Form, Chandos) with an excellent combined score of 71 points. The Stoic competition was won by Edward Wentworth-Stanley (Lower Sixth, Chatham) who pipped Lochie Shillington (Lower Sixth, Grafton) on count back having both recorded a fine score of 40 points. Philippe Derville recorded 39 Stableford points to claim the Parent's trophy. Harry Arkwright (Lower Sixth, Grafton) showed off some of his ball striking prowess to win the Longest Drive and James Watkins (Lower Sixth, Grafton) claimed the Nearest the Pin prize following a superb tee shot on the 1st hole. Special thanks must go to Julian Stocks for generously supporting this wonderful event by way of prizes and silverware.

Andrew Hancox, PGA Golf Professional & Head of Golf

Royal Academy of Music Honours List

Stowe's Head of Vocal Studies, Rachel Sherry, was named in the 2018 Royal Academy of Music's Honours list. She is now an Associate of the Royal Academy of Music (ARAM). Associateship is awarded to past students of the Academy who have distinguished themselves in the music profession and have made a significant contribution to it in their particular field. In 2014, Rachel was made a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA) for her work in teaching and learning in individual vocal lessons. She says: 'It's an exciting time to be teaching singing. There's always new repertoire to discover and not only do we have the combined wisdom of the historical schools of vocal study, cutting edge research and collaborative practice between the medical profession and vocal teachers means that we know more about the inner workings of the voice than ever before. It's a great joy to head up Vocal Studies at Stowe with a great team of teachers and so many talented pupils.'

Popular Music Vocals

Stowe has been among the first LCM examination centres to pilot examinations in Popular Music Vocals in the spring. The



examination aims to develop the lead or backing pop vocalist, besides the performance of songs it assesses relevant skills including microphone technique, presentation skills, the ability to improvise over a chord sequence, to create a harmony line, to pick up a tune quickly and to sight read. It's a well-thought out syllabus with emphasis on developing 'real world' skills. Stowe singers now have the opportunity to take examinations in Classical Singing, Musical Theatre and Popular Music Vocals meaning that there are accredited examinations (all of which have UCAS points at Grades 6-8) available to suit every taste!

Rachel Sherry, Head of Vocal Studies



EQUESTRIAN

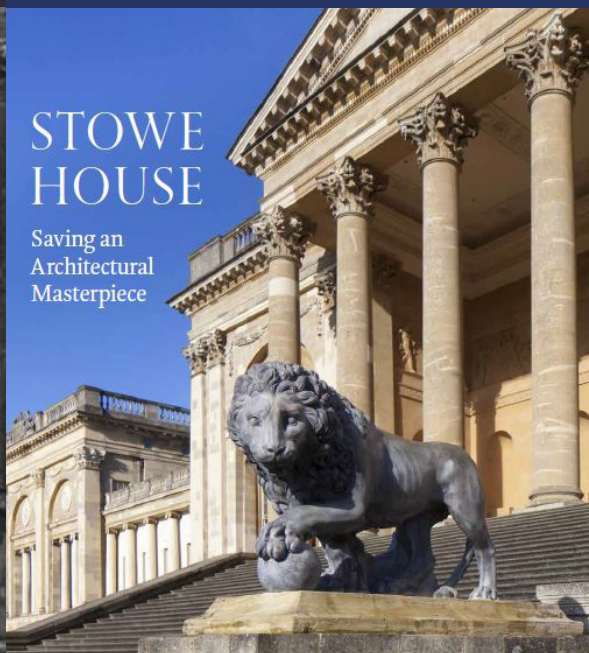
Cecily Hopkins (Third Form, Queen's), took part in her first ever affiliated British Eventing competition in Cambridge on Sunday 22 April.

She was entered into the BE90 Open, which means that it was a class open to all competitors of a higher level who have perhaps gone beyond 90, so a much tougher field of mainly horses and adults.

She rode a personal best in her dressage, scoring just 24 penalties, and was leading after the dressage. She then jumped a lovely clear round in the show jumping, so held onto the lead. The cross country is an optimum time and it was her first at this level, so bigger and more solid, but she rode with determination and courage and went clear being just 1.5 seconds off the optimum time. She won the Open from a field of 40 competitors and also won the Best Newcomer of the day.

Apparently everyone was very impressed by this little girl on a little pony and The Horse and Hound magazine also interviewed her to report her story.

Angela Churcher, Equestrian Centre Manager



STOWE HOUSE

Saving an Architectural Masterpiece

Exciting plans from the Stowe House Preservation Trust

Over the May Half Term, The Stowe House Preservation Trust work will install replicas of the exact statues that graced the south portico up to the time of the Great Sale of 1920. Six of the eight original statues have been traced and the owners have kindly given permission for copies to be taken. The copies have been made by Cliveden Conservation and are now ready to be installed. We are immensely grateful to a number of Old Stowe donors and one anonymous benefactor for making this possible and look forward to seeing the niches on the back wall and the two side statue bases once again filled as shown in the historic images below. The rear niches will be occupied by four colossal female figures, while the side bases will house groups representing classical scenes, Hercules and Antaeus and Samson and the Philistines.

Next, attention will turn to completing North Hall, where the ceiling had been restored in 2015. At that stage, it was not possible to agree a scheme for the restoration due to the evolution of the Hall and uncertainty as to its exact appearance

at each stage. The emergence of the original of another statue, this time of the Trojan priest Laocoön and his sons being attacked by a sea serpent, enabled SHPT to fix the date of the restoration to around the time of Queen Victoria's visit in 1848, when the statue took pride of place in the North Hall. The statue is a copy of a Greek piece that is widely held to be one of the great masterpieces of antiquity and it will certainly be a talking point!

Our focus will then turn to the State Dining Room, Temple Room and small dining room. Fundraising is underway for the complete restoration of these, the last of the great state rooms. If you would like to help with a donation, please contact the Development Office.

Finally, a new book will be published in May outlining the significant and history of Stowe House, the work to restore it and the development of the site by the School since 2000. Copies will be available for sale at Speech Day.

Nick Morris, CEO Stowe House Preservation Trust



Concert at St Paul's Church

On Tuesday 24 April, a group of nine Stoics gave an exceptional concert at St Paul's Church in the centre of Bedford. The Church runs a highly successful concert series which almost always exclusively features conservatoire graduates and young professionals. Stoics have been performing in the concert series for the past three years, which is an obvious testament to their high level of musicianship.

Opening the concert, Billy Baker (Lower Sixth, Chatham) gave a serene performance of Bach's Prelude in F minor (Book 1 from the Well-Tempered Clavier), which was followed by the Prelude and Fugue in F sharp minor, performed with spirit by Annabel Hing (Third Form, Stanhope). This is the second time I have heard both Stoics perform these pieces and it was fascinating to hear how the performances have matured and developed over recent weeks. Helena Vince (Lower Sixth, Queen's) then gave a soaring performance of 'Dido's Lament' from 'Dido and Aeneas' by Purcell accompanied by David Choo (Lower Sixth, Chatham) on the piano. Helena's vocal projection was outstanding and it was a delight to listen to. Peter Entwisle (Lower Sixth, Temple) sang 'Im der Fremde' by Brahms, accompanied by Billy Baker on the piano. This again, was a highly enjoyable performance and both Peter and Billy worked very well together. Expertly accompanied by her brother Sebastian (Third Form, Walpole), Jessica Foxwell (Third Form, Lyttelton) gave an electric performance on the flute of 'Pan and the

Shepherds' by Monquet which was full of colour and virtuosity. This was followed by the equally virtuosic 'Havanaise' for violin and piano by Saint-Saëns, performed with energy and verve by Audrey Au (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) and Jeffrey Au (Fifth Form, Walpole). With both of these duo performances, it was remarkably clear that both sets of performers were listening intently to each other, which helped the audience hear the music as a whole, as opposed to simply two musicians playing at the same time.

David Choo gave a highly accomplished performance of Chopin's Ballade no.3, a piece which demands a great deal of the performer, both technically and musically. Jessica and Sebastian Foxwell made the audience smile with two light-hearted piano duets – one in the style of Samba, and the other, my own arrangement of 'Chopsticks'.

To conclude the concert, Billy Baker gave another extraordinary performance of Chopin's 'Fantasie Impromptu' on the piano.

Many thanks to Heather Turnham, Concert Director at St Paul's Church for providing the Stoics with such a fantastic performance opportunity. She said it was a delight and a privilege to welcome the Music Scholars from Stowe and that they were a credit to the School. To find out more about the concert series please click [here](#)

Ben Andrew, Head of Keyboard



SPORT IN BRIEF

Fencing

The Public Schools Fencing Championships took place on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 March at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. In the Junior Girls épée, Hannah Laurence (Fifth Form, Stanhope) won Bronze and Lauren Brigden (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) won Bronze in the Senior foil. Lauren finished second overall in the combined results of foil, épée and sabre. Ed Don (Fifth Form, Chandos) won Silver in the Junior Boys' Épée having finished 24th out of 134 fencers last year.

The West Midlands regionals championships took place on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 and Lauren came second qualifying her for the British Youth Championships.

Clay-Pigeon Shooting

Our shooters performed well at the Nationals on Saturday 21 April but sadly didn't come home with any silverware.

Boys' Tennis

The 1st VI had a fine 6-3 win against Oakham on Saturday 21 April.

The 1st VI had an excellent 7-2 win against Bradfield on Saturday 28 April.

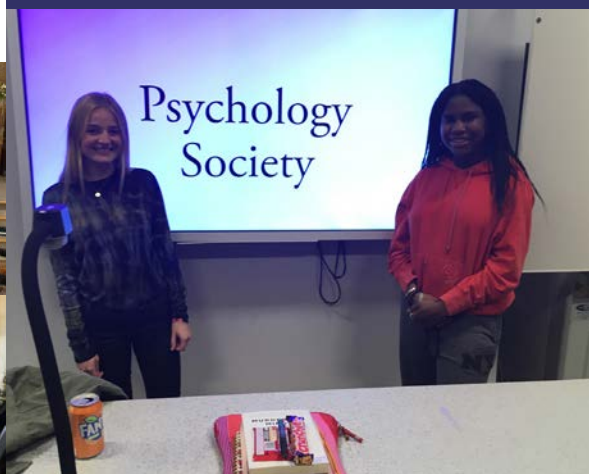
Grafton won the Senior Inter-House Tennis Competition on Thursday 26 April.

Psychology Society

On Friday 27 April, the Psychology Society had its first meeting in which we were privileged to be given two excellent talks by our own Stoics. Tallulah Goldsmith (Fifth Form, Stanhope) firstly gave us insight into the Psychopathic mind illustrating both the behavioural and physiological indicators. She gave us many examples of how people with Psychopathy live within society as well as more infamous examples linked with crime. Students were given a great opportunity to ask questions and discuss. Lee-Ann Sule (Upper Sixth, West) then spoke to the Society about addiction. Following on from a previous talk to the Biomed Society, her knowledge and understanding of the neurological pathways in connection with addiction was superbly presented giving the students an insight into this complex topic.

Our next meeting is on Friday 18 May when we shall be welcoming Dr Alan Martin, Head of Psychology at the University of Buckingham who will be discussing studying Psychology, amongst other topics, with the Society.

Natasha Blake, Teacher of Biology



Spanish Evening

On the Thursday prior to our Easter holidays (or, as commonly corrected by teachers and students alike, our “Easter revision period”), Stowe’s Upper Sixth Spanish pupils embarked upon a perilous minibus journey to Buckingham’s Louis Pizza to enjoy some native Spanish fare and refine our spontaneous speaking. We were accompanied by Mr Morales, Dr Ferrero, and Ms Peña, the last of whom organised a series of activities during the meal to facilitate a mix of revision and casual conversation. These proved helpful in dispelling the nerves we had about the trip, as we were aware that from the time we set foot on the bus, all discussion had to take place in Spanish; those most affected by this were the ones tracking Stowe’s progress at Rosslyn Park, who fast discovered a gap in their vocabulary when it came to rugby. A favourite among the icebreakers prepared was a guessing game

centred around famous Spanish and South American festivals and people; these ranged from fascist dictator Francisco Franco to Shakira. We also sampled a wide variety of tapas washed down with (lamentably virgin) sangria, leaving a legion of empty plates in our wake. Our class returned to Stowe emboldened to continue our revision in the final stretch prior to our exams, with the newfound confidence and clarity only a full stomach can afford.

Ingrid Galler (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton)



Sixth Form Physicists visit CERN and Geneva

The Stowe physics trip to Switzerland over Easter was a great success. Particular thanks go to Mr and Mrs Hart for taking us and to Mr Donoghue for getting up in the middle of the night to drive us to Gatwick even though he wasn't coming. Other than when one of us realised, at Swiss customs, that his passport was in the hold, travel was uneventful.

Our three days were packed full of activity and were a perfect balance of physics, culture, and window shopping (we had forgotten that Switzerland was the ‘world capital of horology’).

It is difficult to pick out highlights, but our visit to CERN was brilliant (even though we could not see the Large Hadron Collider as it was being used) - we saw the origin of the World Wide Web and visited the “Antimatter factory” where we were told they created ‘anti-hydrogen’ on a regular basis! To do this there are anti-proton decelerators that slow their speed so that they can be joined with positrons. We were told that the anti-hydrogen only lasts for about 1000 seconds! Many experiments are currently being carried out on anti-hydrogen, comparing its properties with hydrogen. So far they think that all the known properties match!

The History of Science museum was also

amazing. We were taken from the beginning of documented science, through the time and brilliance of Einstein and on to current nuclear physics.

The culinary highlight of the trip was definitely a traditional cheese fondue meal, that was accompanied by a duo on accordion. They also yodelled, played the spoons, cowbells and blew a 12 foot long horn. Many of us had a go at blowing the horn! It turns out that getting a good sound from a 12 foot horn is not as easy as it looks.

We also visited Bern where we went to the Bear Park and saw them playing in their own ‘bear bath’, and spent time at the two Einstein Museums. The Einstein statues dotted all around the city provided plenty of photo opportunities.

The Natural History and Patek Philippe Museums in Geneva were both fascinating. In the Patek Philippe museum we read all about the history of watches, and the brand itself. We also saw hundreds of watches, including the two made for Queen Victoria, and were even able to observe a watchmaker in action. All of us made big shopping lists for the future!

It was a great trip - thanks everyone.

Oscar Hill (Lower Sixth, Temple)



BOYS' ATHLETICS

In the athletics meet at Bromsgrove on Saturday 21 April the stand-out performances were as follows:-

Senior Boys

Taju Atta (Upper Sixth, Temple) 1st in the 100m and Dom Saghri (Lower Sixth, Chatham) 2nd. Ed Anderson (Lower Sixth, Bruce) came 2nd in the Triple Jump and 1st in the Long Jump. The 4x100m relay team came 2nd.

Intermediate Boys: James Studholme Colver (Fourth Form, Temple) came 2nd in the High Jump.

Ben Edeh (Fifth Form, Grenville) came 1st in the 100m and Oliver Garson (Fourth Form, Grenville) came 2nd in the 200m.

Junior Boys: In the 100m Joey Gwena (Third Form, Grenville) came 1st in the 100m, Seb Campbell-Preston (Third Form, Grafton) came 1st in the 200m and Barney Cunningham (Third Form, Grafton) came 2nd.

In the athletics meet at Harrow on Saturday 28 April we had 34 boys represent the school. We came 6th out of 8 schools. The stand-out performances were as follows:-

Senior Boys

Dom Saghri (Lower Sixth, Chatham) 3rd in the 100m and 200m; Freddie Tuffnell (Upper Sixth, Chandos) 3rd in the High Jump;

Our 4x100m relay team came 4th.

Intermediate Boys

Harry Reed (Fifth Form, Walpole) 2nd in the Discus; Ben Edeh (Fifth Form, Grenville) 3rd in the 100m; James Studholme Colver (Fourth Form, Temple) 3rd in the High Jump and Dave Dooley (Fifth Form, Grafton) 3rd in the Shot Put.

Junior Boys

Fred Ross (Third Form, Chandos) 1st in the High Jump; Opus Seriake-Dickson (Third Form, Grenville) 1st in the Shot Put; Joey Gwena (Third Form, Grenville) 2nd in the 100m; George Foster (Third Form, Chandos) 2nd in the 100m; Seb Campbell-Preston (Third Form, Grafton) 3rd in the 300m.



Stowe Parents would like to extend a warm welcome to you all and we hope you will find something of interest in our selection of Events for Summer 2018.

If you would like to make a booking, please click on your chosen event below and you will be taken through to our online booking page on the [website](#).

If you have any queries, please contact Helen Jefferies at stoweparents@stowe.co.uk

Headmaster's Garden Tour

Saturday 12 May, 10:45am

The Headmaster will lead an exploration of the Stowe Gardens in what is always a very popular event. We aim to introduce the gardens to those who have not had a previous opportunity, and for those more familiar, we aim to broaden and deepen your knowledge.

This event is always hugely popular and we hope to continue that tradition this year. The event starts with coffee at 10.45am, followed by the tour and lunch, aiming to conclude by 2.30pm.



The Wallace Collection

Thursday 14 June, 11am



The Wallace Collection, at Hertford House in London, is a wonderful collection of decorative arts from the 15th to 19th Centuries. The paintings, furniture, porcelain and arms are arranged into 30 galleries including furniture pieces originally from Stowe. Enjoy a tour led by Stowe's Second Master and Art Historian, Crispin Robinson, supported by a specialist from the Museum.

Following the tour, enjoy a two course lunch and glass of fizz in the beautiful Wallace Restaurant, home to Peyton and Byrne Brasserie. You are then free to return to the museum at your leisure for the afternoon.

Join us at Stoke Park, Buckinghamshire to watch worldclass tennis within a unique, English garden party atmosphere. Stoke Park is an intimate and relaxed Country Club, Hotel and Spa set in 300 acres of fine parkland. As a forerunner to Wimbledon, the Boodles always attracts big names and provides entertaining play. Start at the Boodles Gallery and view some of the finest jewellery on display, before making your way to the Garden Bar for lunch. You will then have an afternoon of tennis with some of the best names on the circuit.

Boodles Tennis at Stoke Park

Tuesday 26 June, 11:30am



Old Stoic Society Lunch

On Wednesday 25 April, we welcomed over sixty Old Stoics aged 70 and over to the Savile Club in Mayfair for our fourth 'SOS' (Senior Old Stoics) luncheon.

More than 20 up on last year, it was our largest gathering to date, which allowed us the opportunity to dine in the Savile Club's stunningly beautiful Ballroom – reminding us of the State Rooms at Stowe.

The afternoon started with a Champagne Reception in the beautiful Drawing Room, where many lapsed friendships were quickly re-established. We then ascended the stunning staircase to the opulent luxury of the Ballroom for an exquisite three-course meal and fine wines. The atmosphere was most jovial, with our guests reminiscing about their time at Stowe as well as swapping many memorable stories with, in many cases, newly re-made, friends.

As our lunch drew to a close, our host, John 'Fingers' Fingleton (Chatham 66), who had assembled a Chatham Table of 9 of his exact contemporaries, gave an entertaining speech, to the assembled company, including, among our Lady guests, two Honorary OSs - Liz Zetl (now over 100!) and her chauffeur for the day, Rae Matheson. He then remembered 'absent/departed' friends, and was followed by Nigel Rice (Chatham 64) who said Grace. The Headmaster ended with a thoroughly entertaining report of all the good news from Stowe.

Throughout the afternoon, the service was exceptional with the staff at the Savile Club working very hard to ensure our guests were well looked after.

We were particularly thrilled with the number of SOS's in attendance this year, with the numbers increased significantly on last year. Our special thanks goes to 'Fingers' who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure a great turnout of Chathamite Old Stoics, some of whom had not seen each other for decades, and for arranging the use of the Savile Club and kindly assisting with the planning for the occasion.

I would like to thank all of our guests for attending and the Savile Club for making us feel so welcome.

This event remains a very special occasion in the Old Stoic Calendar – we look forward to welcoming back all this year's attendees – and the new 70+ year olds - in 2019!

Sasha Moss, Old Stoic Society



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SOUTHSIDE18



Arts at Stowe Presents this year's Eve of Speech Day Concert SOUTHSIDE18 showcasing a group of the very best of our rock and pop musicians.

Food and drink will be available to purchase on the night or pre-book tickets and enjoy a Fork Supper and Bubbles with Stowe Parents in the Music Room prior to the Concert.

This festival of music starts at 6pm with time to settle in before the music begins at 7.15pm.

[For further information and bookings click here](#)